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GRAGS: SOPN, PINS, IN, US

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL TV NEWS NETWORK

1. A WASHINGTON AREA TV OUTFIT CALLING ITSELF THE INTERNATIONAL TV NEWS NETWORK IS TRAVELLING IN INDIA AND IS HERE TO VIDEO TAPE AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. THOUGH THE EMBASSY AND USIS HAVE HAD TELEPHONE CONTACT WITH GROUP, THEY HAVE AVOIDED ACTUAL MEETINGS, TWICE CANCELLED THEIR ASSIGNMENT OR THE CIRCUMSTANCES CONNECTED WITH THEIR TRIP TO INDIA.

3. A CHECK OF RADIO-TV DIRECTORIES GIVES US NO CLUE TO THE INDIVIDUALS (IRVING KIPNES, LARRY CRAVEN, PETER BURGASS, JIM HANSEN) OR ORGANIZATION AND WE HAVE NOT HAD AN ALERT FROM THE AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT ABOUT THEIR VISIT.

4. COMMENT: IN RECENT MONTHS WE HAVE BRIEFED AND HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE GOI SPONSORED JOURNALISTS VISITS BY MARTIN GERCHEN (COPLY NEWSPAPERS, SAN DIEGO EVENING TRIBUNE) AND DAVID MOORE (THE CONNECTICUT BUSINESS JOURNAL. WE UNDERSTAND THEIR TRANSPORTATION AND EXPENSES HAVE BEEN PAID BY THE GOI. WE ASSUME THE INTERNATIONAL TV NETWORK MAY BE HERE UNDER A SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT AS IT IS HARD TO CONCEIVE HOW ELSE AN UNKNOWN NEWS PRODUCTION

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COMPANY COULD OBTAIN AN APPOINTMENT TO INTERVIEW MRS GANDHI.

IN ADDITION TO THESE INITIATIVES IN THE MEDIA DHARAM BIR  
SINHA (DEPUTY MINISTER, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING) AND  
OM METHA (MINISTER OF STATE, WORKS AND HOUSING) WERE ON  
IMAGE BUILDING, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SPEAKING TOURS IN THE  
U.S. THIS MONTH. THESE ACTIVITIES FIT INTO A PROGRAM MADE  
PUBLIC YESTERDAY IN THE LOK SABHA BY THE DEPUTY EXTERNAL  
AFFAIRS MINISTER BIPIN PAL DAS. "A VIGOROUS CORRECTIVE  
EFFORT" HE SAID, HAS BEEN AND WAS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE  
INDIAN AMBASSADOR AND THE INDIAN MISSION TO COUNTER  
"DISTORTED AND INACCURATE REPORTING IN A SECTION OF THE  
U.S. MEDIA."

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